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S.B. No. 1306

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the coordination and provision of certain health services to veterans.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Subchapter A, Chapter 531, Government Code, is amended by adding Section 531.0058 to read as follows:

Sec. 531.0058. ASSOCIATE COMMISSIONER FOR VETERANS SERVICES. The executive commissioner shall appoint for the commission an associate commissioner for veterans services to:

(1) review programs and benefits available for veterans; and

(2) make recommendations on the improvement and coordination of veterans services.

SECTION 2. Section 434.154(a), Government Code, is amended to read as follows:

(a) The council may, by majority vote, establish the following coordinating workgroups to focus on specific issues affecting veterans, servicemembers, and their families:

(1) health;

(2) [~~ex~~] mental health;

(3) [~~+2~~] employment;

(4) [~~+3~~] higher education;

(5) [~~+4~~] criminal justice;

(6) [~~+5~~] housing;

1 (7) [~~(6)~~] transportation;
2 (8) [~~(7)~~] women veterans; and
3 (9) [~~(8)~~] any other coordinating workgroup considered
4 necessary.

5 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2015.